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Item

1. Oleg Penkovskiy. (pp. 40, 47, 278) The Penkovskiy Papers (1965) have been thoroughly described by Victor Zorza, Washington Post, 11/15,16/65, as a CIA black book and his attack and estimate seem fair. Epstein's reference to OP ignore the serious problem with factual elements etc.
2. Mrs. Teofil (Anna) Meller (pp. 169-170, 189, 191, 198, 200) mentioned and utilized re Oswald's relationship to the Dallas community but selectively and insidiously ignores Whitewash II, 50, "Oswald was all right," said the FBI when Anna turned him in as a possible radical.
3. By isolating a subject such as Oswald's relation to the U-2 in Japan and turning all interviews, text, etc., around merely this Epstein can avoid the larger picture and still maintain a semblance of scholarship to those of little awareness. Sanche de Gramont's The Secret War (1962) describes some of the U-2 activity and publicity in Japan and suggests a more common awareness of the plane, particulars of it, pictures, etc., than Epstein would have us know.
4. On Powers' deplaning over Soviet Russia (p.118) Epstein is disingenuous on what happened to the U-2 to cause it to come down. Since his argument on Oswald's defection rests on radar and apparently other information regarding the U-2 reaching the Soviets to enable them knock down Powers and change the course of history he must say the Soviets shot Powers down. He does not. We infer, ie. the readers, that this is what happened, but Epstein says something different.

It could be a normal flame-out, a CIA deliberate sabotage of the U-2 to block detente, which is the Angleton faction. The U-2 downing certainly worked to thwart US-USSR detente, but whether that was sabotage I know not.

5. The physical objects mentioned with respect to Oswald's stay in New Orleans are consistently given inadequate spacial relations and provided with only the minimum information for textual flow. Many are almost intentionally it seems separate from each other in the text to scatter attention.
 - A. The post office box was in the sub-station where it shared a common lobby (but had its own doors) with federal offices and was across the yard from 544 Camp/531 Lafayette.
 - B. Jones Printing Co., was not in "downtown" New Orleans which is a rather meaningless term for orientation in that unusual city, but was across the street from the backdoor of the coffee company.
 - C. Alba's Crescent City Garage serviced the FBI/Secret Service automobiles and was next door to the coffee company.
 - D. I do not know what purpose was served with the line on Oswald renting the 544 Camp room for one month. Newman the landlord told HW it did not rent to Oswald. And for Epstein to put Oswald there puts him in the building with the rightwing Cubans/CIA/ONI and the cafe below where Harpies hatched eggs. Why should he not have left this out? 544 Camp/the postal substation/ 531 Lafayette are a block from the coffee company